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CIRCULATION

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TOWN MEETING TONIGHT.

This year, owing to the fact that Norwich elects its town officials for a period of two years, there will be no contest at the polls to precede the annual town meeting. Many of the towns of the state will elect, but in spite of the fact that there is no election, the importance of being at the town meeting tonight ought not to be overlooked.

It is at this gathering of the townspeople that it is determined what action will be taken upon the budget for the running of the town and the school during the coming year as presented by the selectmen and the town school board. There are the regular matters which of course must be provided for and there are a number of matters outside of what are considered the necessary town and school expenses which have been favorably acted upon for a number of years and which in all probability will get due consideration this year.

During the year just ended the town has received the benefit of a careful administration of its affairs. Efficiency and economy have been displayed in a manner that cannot fail to be appreciated. Because elected for two years the town has the assurance that the same conscientious oversight will be continued during the ensuing twelve months. In the presentation of the budget the town is shown what is needed and what is sought by petitioners. It therefore rests with the people in town meeting to give expression to what they desire and to say what the limit of expenditures shall be for 1921.

This, as should be realized is not a task that should be left to a few. It calls for a representative gathering of the people of the town, a thorough understanding of the needs and action in accord with the majority sentiment of as large a number as can be assembled. The amount that will have to be raised by taxation will depend upon the action of the meeting, though the tax will not be laid until next spring when it can be based upon the next perfected grand list of the town.

MAIL SERVICE.

Not the favorable results that were anticipated in connection with the safe and speedy delivery of mail are being obtained from the transportation by flying machines as recently instituted by the post office department. Another factuality has been recorded in this service, making the third machine with the contents to be destroyed and it is believed the fifth life to be lost.

Now it is reported, following an investigation, that the trouble lies in the type of machine adopted and used for this service. It is defective in certain particulars which encourage fire and explosions and seem to make it quite certain that those aboard as well as the mail being carried are in a death and fire trap.

The loss of the mail that was being carried would seem to be a matter of no small concern, but when it is realized that five lives have been lost because of the expenditure of a larger sum to expedite a part of the mail it is quickly apparent that a tremendous price has been paid for such mail deliveries as have gotten across the continent a few hours earlier.

Apparently our airplane mail service is still in the very costly experimental stage and while some mail may be moved faster there is a considerable quantity that will never reach its destination, causing such loss and confusion that it would have been far preferable to have had it take the slower but safer route that has been used in the past.

Until the postal service of the country is brought up to the proper standard and it is possible for instance to get special delivery letters between Hartford and Norwich inside of 27 hours, it cannot help being felt that an unwise use of the postoffice department funds is being made when intercontinental air routes are established and nothing whatever done to better the handling of mail matter in the good old fashioned way.

RURAL DISTRICTS AND CITIES.

New evidence of the need of giving increased attention to the production of the foodstuffs of the country is furnished by the figures which are presented in the last census. By this it is disclosed that more than half of the people of the country are in cities of 10,000 population or more and that the growth there is seven and a half times greater than in the country districts. The census figures were obtained of course at a time when readjustments following the war had not been completed. The manufacture of goods had been the Mecca for those who were formerly found in the farming districts. Alluring wages have done the trick. Rural communities have suffered, difficulties of keeping up production of foodstuffs have presented themselves and it has become plainly evident that the growth of the country has far outstripped those sections from where the food is expected. At the same time there has been a big falling off in the number of immigrants coming to these shores.

The high pay will prove detrimental to the rural districts just as long as it continues. It has served to better conditions on the farms as regards wages, but with the country growing one sided, with greater demands being made upon the farms, with a flood of immigration setting in after the ebbs there bids fair to be a recognition of the growing opportunity that must be presented in the production of foodstuffs. Where back

to the farm has been urged in the past, the fact that those upon whom production rests are not keeping pace with the number raising upon their efforts bids fair to increase it in the early future. There will be intensive farming and the employment of machinery but there will also be opportunities that will cause more attention to be turned in that direction. When the inducements of the rural districts are set forth in the adjustment of conditions the population of the farming communities will increase and it is indicated that different standards will prevail there than did before the war.

EX-SENATOR CRANE.

For many years W. Murray Crane of Massachusetts was a prominent figure in republican politics, not only in state but in the nation. He was known as a successful business man and in looking after either it was a case with him as deeds, not words. There was nothing affected about him. He didn't go in for show and he never was an orator. His influence was manifested in other but no less certain ways, and whatever he undertook he always had the enthusiastic support of his home community. Serving Massachusetts for three years as lieutenant governor, he was called upon to become the chief executive of the state and for a like period he gave the neighboring states a most capable administration. That was followed by his appointment to the United States senate where he rendered distinguished service, not of the spectacular type, but of the man of excellent judgment and a great harmonizer. So thoroughly recognized was his judgment that he was sought for a place in the cabinet of Theodore Roosevelt. That he was not a United States senator at the time of his death was only due to the fact that he recognized the necessity of giving consideration to his health when his term expired in 1913 after having been in the harness for his country and state for 16 years and for many more years a steady and consistent worker for his party.

No matter whether it was his own, the state's, the nation's, or the party's business he was always closely in touch with it. His health forced him to relinquish much of his activity for the past few years, but it couldn't abate his interest. Death removes a stalwart figure in political life who was known far beyond the borders of his state and likewise a man in whose line of business he had gone to the top from the bottom rung of the ladder. He was one of those engaged in public service not for what he could get out of it but for what he could put into it.

SIGNS OF DISTRESS.

Just what the situation is within the democratic party is well disclosed by the fervent appeals that are being made from one end of the country to the other for funds. This party is without money, a fact which indicates what little interest is being taken in the party, its policies and its candidates this year. If Governor Cox thought that he was going to fill his coffers by the bare attack he made upon the efforts of the republicans to get sufficient funds to carry on the campaign, and it cannot fail to be recognized that national political campaigns call for the expenditure of considerable money, he has probably learned to the contrary long before this.

The democratic party's lack of funds is not of course due to the fact that they haven't money, but it indicates that they have not been parting with it for the purpose of financing the party campaign, and that from indications they do not intend to give up their money for a useless cause. Their very attitude in this respect confirms the evidence that has been piling up for many months that the country wants to get rid of the administration policies that have been in force, that a change is wanted and that it is going to be brought about.

President Wilson has been made to head a subscription list that is expected to afford some financial relief and though he will probably not get to the point of making campaign addresses it seems probable that he will take up the cudgel in behalf of the league of nations in order that Candidate Cox may not be permitted to get away from the fact, even though he has declared "the president is not running for office," that he and the president are in full accord upon the league covenant.

Then the democrats have reason to consider the campaign financially as well as otherwise, in a serious condition is even admitted by the democratic press. To others it has the appearance of a forlorn hope.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Some of the baseball players seem to have killed the goose that laid the golden eggs.

Ball players may require considerable time to get to the top, but it doesn't take long to plant their reputation.

There is this much satisfaction for those who cannot get home, they'll not have to worry about coal supply.

Norwich has no election this year, but it should not be forgotten that there is an important town meeting tonight.

Unless care is taken in handling the report about a large orange crop in Florida, Jack Frost is likely to corner it.

From the way Governor Cox talks it might be supposed he figures Bryan might help him if he would only speak.

It will seem a bit strange in more ways than one that henceforth The Sun will not appear until evening in New York.

Can there be any connection between the reports that Cox has been speaking in Kansas and that he there is an inch thick.

The hen must speed up on production if it is going to be possible for the egg market to keep pace with the downward move.

The governor of Maine says prohibition has saved the nation two billion dollars. He might be right if it had been enforced.

The man on the corner says: Those who play the game for all that is in it make a mistake if they develop the crooked side.

There is talk of diverting steamers to the rural districts just as long as it continues. It has served to better conditions on the farms as regards wages, but with the country growing one sided, with greater demands being made upon the farms, with a flood of immigration setting in after the ebbs there bids fair to be a recognition of the growing opportunity that must be presented in the production of foodstuffs. Where back

Connecticut needs Senator Brandegee in the upper house of congress and should insist upon giving his service to state and again the rousing support it deserves.

WOMAN IN LIFE AND IN THE KITCHEN

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

Puddings are excellent to sweeten rice pudding.

Flour should be measured after a single sifting.

Polish the leather traveling bag with linseed oil.

Clothesline will not stretch if it is hauled before using.

Every home should possess a portable gas extinguisher.

Scrambled eggs are delicious served with macaronies.

Beef cooked in a fireless cooker is not salted until done.

Bread sponge that sets the least bit too long may be sweetened a small amount.

Scrambled breadcrumbs and cream are delicious for breakfast.

The salad dressing should be added just before serving.

One thrifty household saves its butter papers to grease its baking tins.

A pinch of salt added to coffee just before serving clears it nicely.

Brown sugar used to sweeten cereals makes the taste much richer.

To make good chow chow use more celery than other vegetables.

Time is saved by having a glass measuring cup in both the flour bin and sugar bin.

Left over peas can be mixed with uncooked grated carrots and served on lettuce for dinner frocks.

Paint brushes that are hard and dry will soften if put into vinegar and allowed to simmer for ten minutes. Then wash them in soap suds.

TO CLARIFY FAT.

It is a very simple matter to clarify fat if one follows these directions: Mix with cold fat. Boil vigorously; allow the mixture to cool and scrape off the impurities which collect on the lower surface of the cake of fat. To remove a slight burnt taste or other objectionable flavors, melt the fat, and thick slices of raw potatoes and heat gradually until it ceases to bubble and the potatoes have become browned. A small pinch of baking soda whitens the fat and helps to make it sweet.

To remove the strong odor from mutton or chicken fat, heat fat very slowly in a double boiler